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## From the Principal's Desk

*Ms Priya Promod*

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff

It is with great pride and excitement that I present the maiden edition of **Charter Connect** - our Charter School Newsletter.

This newsletter marks a significant milestone in our journey to foster better communication and build a stronger, more informed community connecting students and parents to school activities.

I am sure our newsletter will serve as a window into the vibrant life of our school, highlighting achievements, sharing important updates, and celebrating the diverse talents and accomplishments of our students and staff. We also would in the coming editions keep you informed about upcoming events, important dates, and initiatives at TCS.

In the upcoming editions we will feature the artistic, creative, and literary talents of our students.

My message in this inaugural newsletter to my dear students is to take on and practice a simple yet powerful Kaizen philosophy of continuous improvement as a way of life for which you need to break things down into smaller, achievable steps- just like building something awesome with Legos, one brick at a time, you can make steady progress and celebrate your mini-wins. Suddenly, that big goal doesn't seem so big anymore!

Let's embark on this journey together, embracing the spirit of Kaizen and celebrating each step forward. Together, we'll shape a brighter future for our school community. Here's to a year filled with learning, growth, and limitless possibilities!



It's fresh!  
It's new!  
It's happening here at  
The Charter School!!



The month of June came rushing into The Charter School with a joyful zing! With smiles stretched wide, laughter echoing the halls and the chatter of friends catching up, the school came alive after a long (well-deserved) summer break.

New friendships blossomed alongside the familiar faces, and classrooms welcomed new classmates and teachers. The spirit of camaraderie was palpable, along with a shared curiosity, an eager thirst for new knowledge which marked the beginning of another exciting academic year.

As we joyfully roll out the maiden issue of Charter Connect - we aim to capture the essence of that palpable Charter energy, highlighting the exciting events, achievements and upcoming dates that promise to make this school year truly special.

Dive in and relive the magic of June, and get a glimpse of the limitless possibilities efficiently utilised at the Charter School!

## THE CONNECT TEAM

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# Our Students, Our Pride!

## CBSE G10 & G12 Results 2024

All our students have achieved **100%** results in the 2023-24 CBSE Grade 10 and 12 examinations.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their exceptional performance, and we have no doubt that they will continue to excel in all their future endeavours.



## Abhinandanam 2024



Aayisha Marwa (G12) and Sajay Surya (G10) from the 2023-24 batch, were recognized for their academic excellence at the prestigious Abhinandanam 2024 - a grand Merit Award Ceremony organized by the Kochi Sahodaya School Complex

## Student Achievements: Young Minds, Big Wins!

### Our Chess Masters dazzle at the Kochi Metro Chess Competition!

Jewel Justin, our Grade 5 student, secured a smashing 5th position in the U-10 Girls' Category at the Chess Competition organized by Kochi Metro. Our young champ Naveed Navas of Grade 6 finished 7th position in the same competition.

We are immensely proud of you Jewel and Naveed! Many more accolades coming your way dears!!



### Faraz Shines Bright! Snags 3rd Place at the All Kerala Ranking Badminton Tournament!



Our badminton champ Faraz M. Ameen from Grade 9 clinched an impressive 3rd place finish at the All Kerala State Badminton Ranking Tournament held in Kozhikode! This stellar performance showcased between June 22nd and 26th proves his dedication and talent in the Badminton court. We are incredibly proud of you, Faraz! Keep shining!



# First Day of School!



## Welcome Back, Charter Family!

The whole energy was buzzing with excitement as our amazing students returned to The Charter School for a new year of learning and fun! From the happy reunions of old friends to the wide-eyed wonder of our newest learners, the energy was absolutely contagious! We can't wait to see all the amazing things our students accomplish this year.

Here's to a year of academic growth, new friendships, and unforgettable memories!





# Playful Learning @ Charter

## Hands-on Experiences, Lifelong Lessons!

At Charter, "learning by doing" is not just a trend; it's the foundation for a stimulating and successful learning experience. By actively engaging with the world around them, our students are well-equipped to become critical thinkers, innovative problem solvers and lifelong learners.

## First Day of School





## World Environment Day - June 5

Classrooms turned green on World Environment day with the students exploring different ways to become Eco-warriors! From nature walks, leaf art, and re-purposing waste to creating green spaces in their classrooms, students re-affirmed their commitment to protect the environment.



**Eco-warriors!**







Their green efforts didn't stop there. Students donated plants to the school library, transforming it into an even more inviting and serene haven for reading and study. Now adorned with a variety of plants, the library truly embodies the spirit of a thriving green space.

## National Reading Day - June 19





## Make your own Book Cover!



## Enact your favourite book!



## Explore a genre!





# Pre-primary Fun!





# Charter Celebrates : Learning Through Special Assemblies!



At Charter, we believe every day holds a chance to learn and grow! That's why we celebrate special days throughout the year with engaging school assemblies.

Assemblies aren't just about fun (although there's plenty of that too!). They're designed to mark the significance of each special day, whether it's a cultural celebration, a historical milestone or a day dedicated to a cause we care about.

Through interactive activities, performances, and presentations, students gain a deeper understanding of the world around them. It's a fantastic way to spark curiosity, foster empathy, and create lasting memories.



# Club Activities : Explore, Create, Inspire!

The Charter School's diverse Clubs have sprung to life, offering a wide range of activities that cater to the diverse interests and talents of our students. These clubs provide a vibrant platform for students to not only hone their skills, but also create experiences that will last a lifetime.

## CSSRC - Making a Difference Starts Here!

Embarking on a journey of compassion and community, the Charter Students Social Responsibility Cell (CSSRC) kicked off its first initiative for the year 2024-25. CSSRC volunteers provided basic training on Whatsapp location sharing services to our dedicated support staff on bus duty. Together, we can make a difference!



## Yi Thalir



The Charter School, dedicated to nurturing the next generation of changemakers, is thrilled to partner with Yi Thalir, a platform championing holistic development in students. Kicking off this exciting collaboration, student committee members got their hands dirty - literally! - by planting tree saplings on campus to celebrate World Environment Day.



## YI Thalir- Charter Committee Members

Chair	Kiran (G11)
Co-Chair	Daksha (G9)
Road Safety Head	Judah (G9)
Entrepreneurship & Innovation Head	Abhikrishna (G11)
Masoom Head	James (G11)
Climate Action Head	Paul (G9)
Health & Accessibility Head	Sria (G9)



## Activities @ Charter





## STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A Celebration of Student Voice and Democracy!

The Charter School's hallways pulsed with energy as enthusiastic candidates campaigned for the School Council Elections. The air was electric with the spirit of democracy, as determined nominees passionately presented their visions and diligent voters carefully considered their choices.



### MEET THE CANDIDATES

### ELECTION CAMPAIGNING

The anticipation built up until the day of the election, when students eagerly exercised their right to vote. Finally, the moment of truth arrived, and the winners were announced, basking in the thrill of victory.





## STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS



### Student Council 2024-25

School Pupil Leader	T Khader Ooran
School Vice-Pupil Leader	Maria Joseph
Sports Captain	Hamdaan Hashim
Cultural Captain	Maya Ajay Menon

#### HOUSE AQUILA

Captain	Abraham Emmanuel Edison
Vice-Captain	Daksha H
Prefect	Siddharth Krishnan

#### HOUSE PEGASUS

Captain	Rebecca Joy
Vice-Captain	Sahassra P Nair
Prefect	Aakash Sajan



#### HOUSE COLUMBA

Captain	Joseph Joji Daniel
Vice-Captain	Sria Karthika S
Prefect	Johan Jacob Jisho

#### HOUSE PHOENIX

Captain	Advait Prakash
Vice-Captain	Joanna Maria Thomas
Prefect	Andrea Sara Minto



## Teacher PD Sessions



The ever-enthusiastic Charter teachers geared up for the upcoming academic year with a series of professional development sessions in May.

They delved deeper into the exciting world of NEP 2020, explored the NCF Foundational Stage, and honed their skills in Active Learning and Effective Learning Outcomes & Pedagogies. They also learnt to pause and find their poise through Heartfulness Meditation Sessions.





## Teacher PD Sessions



They also had separate Subject-specific training sessions that equipped them with more interactive and engaging approaches to make our already active classrooms come alive for students!

## Parent Orientation Sessions

In the lead-up to the 2024-25 school year, The Charter School buzzed with activity during Parent Orientation Week in May. Parents gained valuable insights into the curriculum and met the dedicated educators who will guide their children's learning journey.

The atmosphere crackled with excitement as students eagerly connected with their new teachers, marking a promising start to the academic year.





## IC3 Regional Forum



Our students had an enriching experience at the IC3 Regional Forum hosted by The Cochin International School. They explored their future options at the University Fair and met with representatives from around the world.



We are immensely proud of our students Imaan Hawwa Hafiz (G12), Navneeth TK (G12) and Vaiga Vijesh (G10) who led discussions about their innovative Career Laboratory project at the Forum.

Ms. Sameera Basheer Kavapurayil, Vice Principal, and Ms. Sindhu Deepak, Academic & Career Counselor of The Charter School, presented a session on 'Empowering School-Based Counseling' focusing on innovative strategies to support student success.





# Student Focus

## Interviewing our Badminton champ!

Faraz Ameen, a student of Grade 9, a 14 year old whose life is badminton, has won countless awards, and continues to win many more in the field of badminton. He continues to strive in this field with utmost dedication and unwavering passion and has caught the eyes of many of his teachers as well as his fellow peers due to his mesmerising talents.

Most recently he obtained 3rd position in the All Kerala State Ranking Tournament held at Kozhikode from June 22nd to June 26th. It is no question that grade 9 is a really tough year, and balancing studies and sports by itself is a big task, but Faraz has taken it a big step further by proving that anything is possible, if one's mind and soul is dedicated. But we must keep in mind that his steps are one taken with meticulous precision and hardwork and we must always acknowledge that.

His classmates and Charter Connect Student Editors Daksha and Sria interviewed him where he shared his key to success!



**Sria:** How did you get into badminton?

**Faraz:** My sisters were interested in badminton and had coaching. One day my dad asked me to try out badminton coaching. I was hesitant but still tried and that is when I developed an interest in the sport.

**Daksha:** Your daily routine?

**Faraz:** Get up at 5:30 AM. Training from 6:00 to 7:00 AM. School. Training from 11:00 to 2:00. Then I eat lunch, freshen up and go for tuitions. Evening training starts at 6:30 and ends at 9:00 PM. Dinner, studies, chill, sleep.

**Sria:** How do you keep motivated?

**Faraz:** I always think about my parents and how much work they put in to make me go for training everyday.

**Daksha:** How do you balance Studies and practice?

**Faraz:** I go for tuitions to make up for the portions I missed in school. Teachers in school are also super-supportive.

**Sria:** What is your success mantra?

**Faraz:** "Never let down my parents and all those who believe in me"

**Daksha:** What would you say to all the students?

**Faraz:** If you want success, then you have to work for it. There is no room for shortcuts and procrastination.



# Creative Impressions

## The Uncertain Future

By Imaan Hawwa Hafiz, Grade 12 BZ

I used to know,  
But I'm not sure now.  
What am I meant for?  
Where do I go?  
Which path do I tread?  
How do I know?

10 years from now,  
When I look in the mirror,  
What will I see?  
10 years from now,  
When I look in the mirror,  
Who will I be?  
10 years from now,  
When I look at myself,  
Will I be proud of me?

What would have I done?  
Where would I have reached?  
Will I be a fallen mess,  
Or still be on my feet?

How many times will I give up  
On the way?  
Will I find my place,  
Or forever be astray?

Will I still be a triangle,  
Or will I become a square?  
Will I still be the odd one out,  
Everywhere?

The future is uncertain,  
I can feel the weight of this burden  
Sinking into me.

But after talking to teachers,  
And talking to friends,  
I've realized that this,  
This isn't the end.

Sure I'm making some huge decisions,  
Maybe with about 50% precision,  
And yes, I do lack a little conviction,

But I see now  
That I don't have to worry  
About messing up my life right now,  
Because even if I do mess up at some part,  
I can still fix things and make things ok.  
I can start from the start,  
If I need to that is.

And if I don't,, Then I can just  
Go with the flow.  
So that's where I'm going to go;  
wherever life takes me.  
I'll still have decisions to make,  
But I won't let those decisions make me.

I'm ready,  
Or readier shall I say,  
To face the future now.  
I haven't planned in what way nor HOW,  
But I'm going to follow my heart,  
And sooner or later, I trust that  
Everything else will fall in place  
Piece by piece,  
And part by part.  
So now,  
The future, I shall no longer fear,  
And I shall more than just face;  
The future, I shall embrace.



# Creative Impressions

## School

By Daksha H, Grade 9

What is school really?

Is it a place to just learn?  
Kust to mope and crawl?  
Is it prison behind a thousand doors?  
Behind a thousand books?

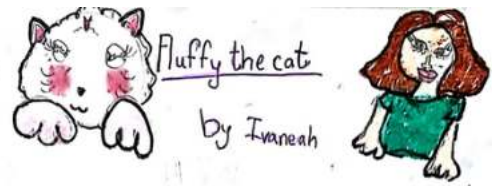
Well, if you really think hard,

Its more of an enclosed haven  
Where laughter and shrieks echo the hall  
Orange parchment lines the tables  
And ink stains our hands

Like those textbooks did our minds  
Like the people did our hearts  
Like how its bittersweet  
And dripping life, being alive.

The inside jokes,  
The side eyes;  
And cries,  
And first loves!

It's a place you make memories  
A place you'll forever keep in your heart  
Really, it's not just school  
It IS school.



Fluffy is a little white cat who lived with Susan. One day they went out to play. First they went to a garden. Susan loved it. But fluffy jumped up on the plants trying to eat the flowers. So the gardener kicked them out. Next they went to the cat park. Fluffy was happy to play on the slide and the merry go round. But Susan was sad as she could not get into the cat park. So they went to the beach. There both fluffy and Susan were happy to play with the waves. They made sand castles and watched the sunset together.





# Creative Impressions



Sahassra , G9



Nehara , G9



# Creative Impressions



DIYA SEIRA RON KI Zela



Aviv , G9



Farhana , G9

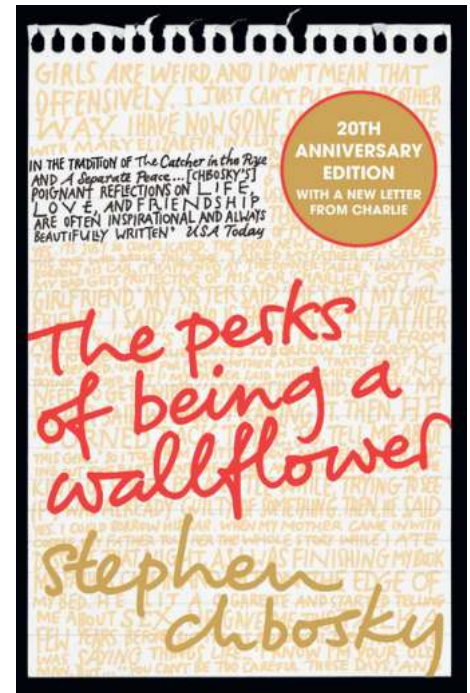




# Library Corner



Title :	The Perks of being a Wallflower
Genre :	Young Adult Fiction
Author :	Stephen Chbosky
Age group :	12years & above



Are you a wallflower?

I would like to start with this question. Are you a wallflower? If someone asks me to name a book I've read the most number of times, my answer would definitely be *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. This novel touched my heart deeply during my teenage years.

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* is an epistolary novel, which means it is written in the form of letters without mentioning to whom the letters are addressed.

The novel follows the life of Charlie during his first year of high school. Through his newfound friendships, he's able to emerge from being a wallflower or a mere observer of life and become a participant. The novel is set outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the United States, and takes place between 1991 and 1992. This novel addresses the themes of abuse, mental health, relationships, and inclusion.

First published in 1999, it was adapted into a film in 2012.

I would like to recommend this book to anyone who values compassion and deep emotional connections with others.

**Ms Vidya  
Librarian**

**Watch out for more fun!**



## **Upcoming Events in July**

**Investiture Ceremony**

**YI e-waste Collection Drive**

**Special Assembly:**

National Doctors Day

Paper Bag Day

Kargil Day Assembly

Nelson Mandela International Day

International Friendship day

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